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A Christian university education for the whole person



Dr. Justin Cooper
President

At Redeemer College we often stress the high standards of academic quality we strive to maintain in the Christian liberal arts and science university education we offer, as well as the Reformed Christian perspective of Christ's Lordship which is expressed in all that we teach. And these are important and essential dimensions of what happens on our campus each semester. But a Christian liberal arts education is more than just what takes place in the classroom and in formal courses.

One of the hallmarks of a Christian university education is that it involves a Christ-centred development of the whole person. Student development and spiritual formation are two ways of expressing this wider vision of a Christian liberal arts and science education, which of course also includes academic development. This larger vision is reflected in our mission statement and related goals, which speak of a "Scripturally directed education which explores the relation of faith, learning and living" and includes as central goals "to equip students for lives of leadership and service under the Lordship of Jesus Christ" and "to be an academic community in which faculty, staff and students can develop intellectually, socially and spiritually."

Such affirmations flow from our confession that Christ is Lord of all creation; included in this is the recognition that He is also Lord of life and, on a personal level, Lord of each of our lives. In carrying out our mission we therefore emphasize not only the integrality of faith and learning but also the very real relationship of faith to all aspects of life and living. In this sense, Christian education, also at the university level, must include the development of the whole person—body, mind, soul and spirit—if it is to fulfill its God-given purpose. Since spiritual vitality is the root of all we are and do, there must be particular emphasis on spiritual formation: developing a

strong spiritual foundation of Christian faith, piety and a Biblical world view.

On Redeemer's campus this "whole person focus" is realized both in the formal curriculum—the academic course work in which professors are involved—and in what is sometimes referred to as the co-curriculum—those additional formal and informal aspects which round out a Christian university education and involve both faculty and staff, as well as fellow students. The co-curriculum is not just an add-on (sometimes called "extra-curricular activities"); rather, flowing from a recognition of the integrality of faith, learning and living, it is regarded as an essential part of a learning experience which truly seeks to prepare Christian servant leaders.

The co-curriculum has both structured and more informal elements. Often activities such as choir, theatre and sports teams come to mind as examples of activities which can help to round out a student's campus experience. In addition, student development is a particular focus of our student life department which is responsible for a variety of student programs, including those for residence life and leaders, career guidance, social activities, panel discussions, personal counseling, service trips and campus ministry. All of these are structured ways in which students, individually and through group activities, are enabled and encouraged to develop their God-given talents and abilities and to deal with areas which may be hindering this development. The involvement of the students themselves is also important to note. They are the ones who have had the vision to initiate many of the activities that are described in this issue's feature article. Students challenge themselves and each other to a deeper relationship with the Lord. And as they mature, they live out the call to be a caring community in their lives with each other, not only at Redeemer, but in whatever community they are called to be. This sense of

community develops early for many Redeemer students, through the experience of residence living.

From this, I'm sure you can see that student development and spiritual formation are closely linked; students are encouraged to develop a faith in Christ which is both personal and full-orbed, a spiritual vitality which is related to learning and all other campus activities. Furthermore, at its best, student development involves not just faculty or student life staff but everyone on our campus. Faculty have opportunities to give guidance to students both in and outside of class, but just as often it may be maintenance or cafeteria staff who help to mentor students and provide a word of encouragement or direction or comfort in a difficult time. Or it may be a fellow student who is the instrument through whom an intellectual or spiritual breakthrough comes.

As all of this occurs and is pursued obediently through each year of study toward a full four-year degree program, the cumulative result will be a graduate who has been enabled to grow and develop as a whole person—intellectually, socially, culturally, emotionally and, most importantly, spiritually—and thus to become a more capable and confident ambassador for our Lord and King. When this happens, we are living up to the goal of our mission statement to prepare students for a life of Christian leadership and service wherever the Lord calls them.

We are pleased to be able to focus on this important character of a Redeemer College education and share with you some of the ways that students are enabled to grow as persons, to grow in their faith and to be equipped for service in Christ's Kingdom. As you read the various accounts, I hope you are encouraged in your own faith and reminded of the need for your prayer support for our faculty, staff and students as we carry out our mission to offer a Christian university education for the whole person.



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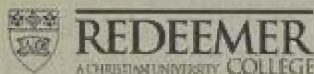
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hundreds of students who
gather monthly for Redeemer
College's contemporary
worship service "Church In
The Box."

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Enrolment growth spurs new
residence construction.



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Christian education just begins in the classroom 9

Though classes are central to the lives of students at Redeemer, the
learning does not end there. Students participate in, and organize, many
activities on and off campus that foster spiritual growth.

—By Elizabeth Teeninga



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These are the people in your neighbourhood...



Tim Wolfert '87
Editor

The residence ground-breaking ceremony on January 29 (see page 5) was a wonderful opportunity for the College to celebrate the blessings of the Lord. It also symbolized in many ways how Redeemer College has become an integral part of the greater Ancaster community.

Redeemer's growth mirrors some of the incredible growth that is happening in Ancaster, especially in the area between Highway 403 and Garner Rd. (formerly Highway 53) known as the Meadowlands. Much of what had been cornfields on the north side of the campus has been developed into a residential area, which itself borders a relatively new, large commercial area.

In his remarks at the ground-breaking ceremony, President Cooper noted how The Meadowlands of Ancaster group, which is behind much of that development, has worked with the College and the Town of Ancaster, to provide valuable assistance in many infrastructure requirements, including future access to Stonehenge Road, which now borders the north end of the campus.

Relationships with those who

live near the campus have also been positive. Local residents were invited to the ground-breaking, and we were pleased that many of them were there for the ceremony. At the reception, Rev. De Bolster told how, in 1985 when the College was submitting plans for the new campus to the Town of Ancaster, some of the neighbours asked the town that a 10 foot high fence be erected around the campus to keep in those "reform-school kids." A number of those same neighbours were present at the ground-breaking ceremony, and many expressed support for the College and its long-range plans for the property.

Although it was good to see representatives from all three levels of government present at the ceremony, it was a bittersweet day for a great friend of Redeemer, Toni Skarica, MPP for Wentworth-Burlington. Mr. Skarica has resigned from the provincial parliament, keeping a promise that he made to his constituents over the provincial government's plans to introduce municipal restructuring in the Hamilton area. The ground-breaking

was Mr. Skarica's last official duty as representative for the area.

Mr. Skarica noted that he hoped his legacy will be two-fold—that he would be remembered as an honest man who kept his word, and that he would be remembered for his association with Redeemer College. It was Mr. Skarica who co-sponsored the private members bill that changed the College's charter so that it could grant BA and B.Sc. degrees, one of the catalysts of Redeemer's incredible growth over the last year. A frequent visitor to campus Mr. ("Just call me Toni") Skarica has been a joyous booster of Redeemer and its role in Ontario's education system. "Given Redeemer's location, its quality of education, and its relative cost compared to similar schools in North America, I am convinced it will continue to rapidly grow, and that we will have many more ceremonies like this one in the near future."

With God's blessings, and the support of friends and neighbours like Mr. Skarica, the Town of Ancaster, and the Meadowlands Group, perhaps we will be needing that silver shovel again soon.

A strong witness

The Redeemer College community mourns the loss of one of the college's former board members, **Cheri Buiter**, who went to be with the Lord on March 4. We would like to acknowledge the

contribution she made to the college as a member of the Board of Governors for almost two terms. During these 5-1/2 years, she held positions of vice-chair, chair and past chair on the Board executive before her bout with cancer forced her to resign last November.

She will be remembered for her insight, leadership, enthusiasm for Christian education and strong witness to God's grace, even in the face of death. Our prayers are with her husband Neil, and children in this time of loss.

COMING REDEEMER EVENTS:

Main Stage Theatre Production

Guest Director Joe-Abbey Colborne directs *Revue Sketches* by Harold Pinter

Evening Performances: Mar. 24-25; Mar. 30-April 1 at 8:00 pm

Matinee Performances: March 27-28

Redeemer College Studio Theatre

512 (\$10 seniors/students); Matinee \$6 (taxes included)

Haydn's Creation

The Redeemer College Concert Choir, Alumni Choir, Soloists and Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Christiaan Teeuwse perform the complete oratorio.

Friday, April 7, at 8:00 pm

Centenary United Church, 24 Main St. W., Hamilton

\$16 (\$14 (seniors/student))

Graduation

The Redeemer community is invited to witness the College's 15th commencement ceremonies.

Saturday, May 27 at 2:00 pm

Redeemer College Auditorium.

Milk and Honey Festival

Registration is now open for the Milk and Honey Festival: a wonderful vacation with a Christian perspective.

May 29 - June 2 or June 5-9

Redeemer College

Board Meetings:

The Board of Governors meets on May 26-27

Redeemer College Senate meets on March 22, and on May 11

Tickets for all this semester's cultural events are now on sale. Please call the Box Office at (905) 648-2131, ext. 4211 for more information or to reserve tickets.

Please check our website for updates on all College upcoming events, including faculty colloquiums, student exhibits, recitals and performances, College chapel services and other events that are open to the public. We look forward to welcoming you to the campus!

WWW.REDEEMER.ON.CA

Ground-breaking marks growth

After a week of sub-zero temperatures, a winter thaw and sunny skies greeted a group of 150 or so neighbours, college supporters, students and employees as President Cooper, Board of Governors' Chair Martin Mudde and representatives from three levels of government 'turned the sod' on Saturday, January 29 for the new student residence. The three story building will house 78 students in 15 two- and three-bedroom apartments. Occupancy is scheduled for September 2000.

At the indoor reception which followed, college officials offered a display of floor plans, long-range planning maps for the entire campus property and an artist's rendering of the new residence building. Guests to the program commented on the air of excitement. "It's a great day for Redeemer," stated one supporter. "It's as if one building is a symbol for future growth. I'm thankful to be a part of this."

Words of welcome and reflection were given by both Cooper and Mudde. President Emeritus Henry De Bolster marveled at the progress with which the Lord had blessed the College. Member of Parliament John Bryden spoke of his pride at being able to tell people of the fine university in his riding, and MPP Toni Skarica, in his last official act as the local representative in the provincial legislature, quipped that he was wearing the same suit he wore when he introduced the private member's bill that expanded Redeemer's degree-granting privileges.

While the ceremony and reception marked the official beginning of the project, actual work will begin this month. Bill van Staalduinen, Vice President (Advancement), sees the schedule as tight but workable. With 80% of the building costs already accounted for, he and his colleagues will concentrate on seeking the remaining funds and working with the project manager and an internal project committee. For up-to-date information on the construction project check the Redeemer College website, www.redeemer.on.ca.



PHOTO BY TIM WOLFE

DIG IN: President Cooper, MP John Bryden, MPP Toni Skarica, Jim Thoms from the Town of Ancaster, and Martin Mudde participate in the official sod-turning ceremony.



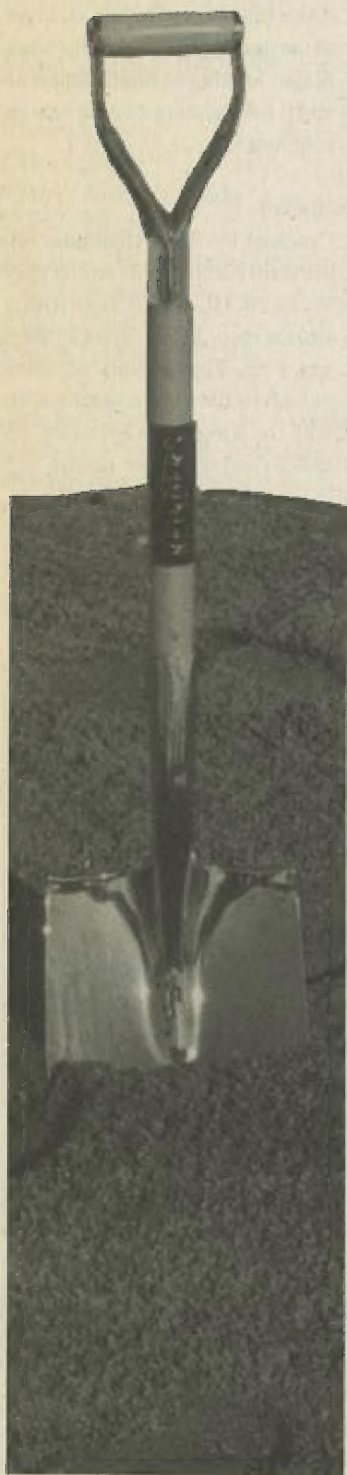
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FUTURE RESIDENTS? Timothy (6 mos.) and Amelia (2), son and daughter of Clarence '97 and Patricia 'x96 Keesman, grasp the 'silver shovel.'



PHOTO BY AMIE BRISLEY

ARCHITECTURE ON PAPER: Attendees of the ground-breaking view the residence drawings on display in the College's centre foyer.



Redeemer Royals fall wrap-up, 1999-2000

Many Redeemer students compete in varsity sports in the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA). Although they often face schools that are much, much larger, Redeemer teams do more than hold their own in many sports.

Women's Soccer:

Head Coach Tom Sauder in his first year did an amazing job with the Royals. In the most competitive division of the OCAA, the Women posted a record of 3 wins, 4 losses (each by only one goal), and 3 ties. Women's soccer holds much promise as the team returns with a complete roster next season. Congratulations to All-Stars Gena Wiersma and Erin Depooter, and to Coach Sauder for his Central West Coach of the Year Award.

Men's Soccer:

The Royals, coached by John

Hamilton and assisted by Dave Mantel '99, fought hard in the tough Central West Division. Despite their 0-10 record, the team was able to focus on many positive experiences throughout the season. With several veterans graduating this year the team will be rebuilding in order to once again be competitive in the OCAA. Congratulations to Greg Bylsma and Brian VanStaalduinen for their All-Star recognition.

Women's Volleyball:

Coached by Nathan Siebenga, (Redeemer student and men's player on hiatus due to an injury), the women's team has remained very competitive all year. At season's end, however, the team missed qualifying for the provincial championships by a slim dif-

ference in point differential.

Men's Volleyball:

In his second year with the Royals, Mike Baker '93 has boosted the confidence of the men, and they have responded with a strong second half of the season. As



Images was going to press, the team had just completed play in the OCAA championships,

finishing tied for fifth place in the province. Watch the Summer *Images* for more details.

Men's Basketball:

Second-year coach Moses Silva continues to work hard with the team that keeps on giving! Talented and exciting to watch, the men are 3 and 4 with some tough match-ups remaining in the season.

Women's Basketball:

Second-year coach Frances Manias-Jackson '96 is excited about the calibre of play the women have produced as the season has progressed. Tough defense and a developing offensive should make the young Royals stronger in the next few seasons. The team is also looking at improving its 1 and 9 league record as the season concludes.

Hockey:

Coached by Paul Heerema '98, the team continues its strong play in the NCHL this season with a current record of 11 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. The Royals travelled to Calvin for their annual match with the Knights on February 25 and 26 and won both games.

For more information, or for schedules on any of Redeemer's athletic teams, please contact the Athletic Department at ext. 4267.



PHOTO BY AMEL BRESLEY

Representatives from many of the varsity athletics team participated in a fund-raiser to benefit Special Olympics, the OCAA and the Redeemer Athletics Department. Redeemer students raised almost \$1500 through a free throw shooting contest and an exhibition game between the Hamilton area Special Olympics Basketball team and Redeemer athletes.



PHOTO BY DAVID ISAGAKA

SIGNS OF GROWTH: For the first time since the College moved to the Ancaster campus in 1986, most Redeemer students wrote final exams in the gym. With more than 100 additional students this year, it became impossible to schedule the nearly 90 exam slots in individual classrooms. According to Associate Registrar Richard Wikkerink, there were few problems with the move to the gym, and final exams in April are scheduled to be held there as well.

Introducing Redeemer's Board of Governors

Redeemer College is grateful for the many people who volunteer their time and gifts to serve on its Board of Governors. The full Board, which is elected by the College's membership, meets four times per year to govern the affairs of the College and give direction to the President and the Administrative staff.

Board Members 1999/2000

Classis Quinte	Mr. Larry Lutgendorff
Classis Huron	Dr. John VanderKooy
Classis Eastern Canada	Mr. Martin Mudde
Classis Chatham	vacant
Classis of the Reformed Church	Rev. Thomas Meyer
Classis Toronto	Rev. Howard McPhee
Classis Niagara	Ms. Audrey Vahrmeyer
Classis Hamilton	Mr. Pieter Wonder

Seaway Valley Principals' Association: vacant

Bluewater Principals' Association: Ms. Diane Plug

Toronto Dist. Principals' Association: Ms. Hilda Roukema

Grand Region Principals' Association: Mr. Andrew Straatsma

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Membership: Evangelical Churches	Mr. Jim Boehmer
Membership: Evangelical Churches	Rev. Harold Minor
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Membership: Trenton/Bellefonte Area	Mr. Frank Vreugdenhil

Donating cash vs. shares

Most people are aware that by making an outright gift of cash to a charity, they will realize an income tax saving in the year of the gift. Gifts made during the donor's lifetime are eligible for a tax credit of up to 75% of net income. This is an increase from the previous limit of 50% of net income.

A gift that is currently even more tax advantageous is the gift of "Appreciated Listed Securities" including, shares, mutual fund units and bonds listed on a prescribed stock exchange such as the Toronto Stock Exchange. Until December 31,

2001 the taxable capital gain on appreciated listed securities has been reduced from 75% to 37.5%. This is a considerable tax advantage for donors who choose to donate securities to the College.

For example, 400 shares of ABC Co. purchased 5 years ago for \$8,000 may sell for \$20,000 today. If you sell the shares and donate the cash to the College, \$12,000 capital gain will arise of which 75% is taxable. If you donate the shares directly to the College, the taxable portion of the capital gain will be 37.5% as illustrated in the example below.

Favourable Treatment of Publicly Listed Securities Gifted to Charities (until Dec. 31, 2001)	Sell Securities and Donate Cash to College	Donate Securities Directly to the College
Market Value of Gifted Securities	\$20,000	\$20,000
Cost Base (Your costs of securities)	\$8,000	\$8,000
Capital Gain	\$12,000	\$12,000
Taxable Portion of Capital Gain 75% of \$12,000 37.5% of \$12,000	\$9,000	\$4,500
Charitable Tax Receipt	\$20,000	\$20,000
Charitable Tax Receipt - carry forward to next year \$20,000 - \$9,000 \$20,000 - \$4,500	\$11,000	\$15,500
Carry forward increase from gift of securities		\$4,500

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Milk & Honey

This year's theme: "Witnesses to Faith: English Hymn Texts & French Christianity."

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or
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June 5 - 9, 2000

SUMMER FESTIVAL

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Guest speakers: Dr. Bert Polman, professor of music & Dr. Thea van Til Rushoven, associate professor of French.

For more information contact:
Sandi Buwalda at (905) 648-2131 x4225

Making "A time for every purpose under heaven"

Jeff Strong leads workshops on time management

One of the most important skills for all students to master is time management. And the move from home to independent living, and going from high school, a fairly structured environment, to more self-disciplined studies, makes time management even more crucial for university students. Jeff Strong, a third-year Honours Psychology student from Kingston, Ont., is helping many of his fellow students make that transition.

Strong has long been interested in time management strategies and their underlying principles. Although there are many different authors and systems available, he finds there is a real lack of material that relates specifically to the situation that he and his classmates are in.

"On one hand, Christian university students are no different from anybody else—they are busy, and they need to make decisions about how they spend their time," says Strong. "But their demands—classes, homework, co-curricular activities, devotions, developing relationships, etc.—are unique."

Strong and Randy Elzinga, a fourth-year student from Hamilton, began to develop a time management strategy that would address these concerns. They didn't set out to reinvent the wheel, but they did adapt certain principles to their Redeemer experiences. That work led to the creation of a time management workshop called *Momentum*.

Momentum is similar in many ways to the ideas found in Franklin Covey's popular 7 Habits series. However, there is a fundamental difference in each system's starting point.

"Randy and I start with the assumption that Christians need to manage their time, not so that it makes their life better or more self-fulfilling, but so that it enhances their ability to serve God," says Strong. "It re-centres Covey's paradigm from self-defined principles to God."

The key purpose of *Momentum* is to get students to think long-term so that they can lead a more balanced life. "If a student's fo-

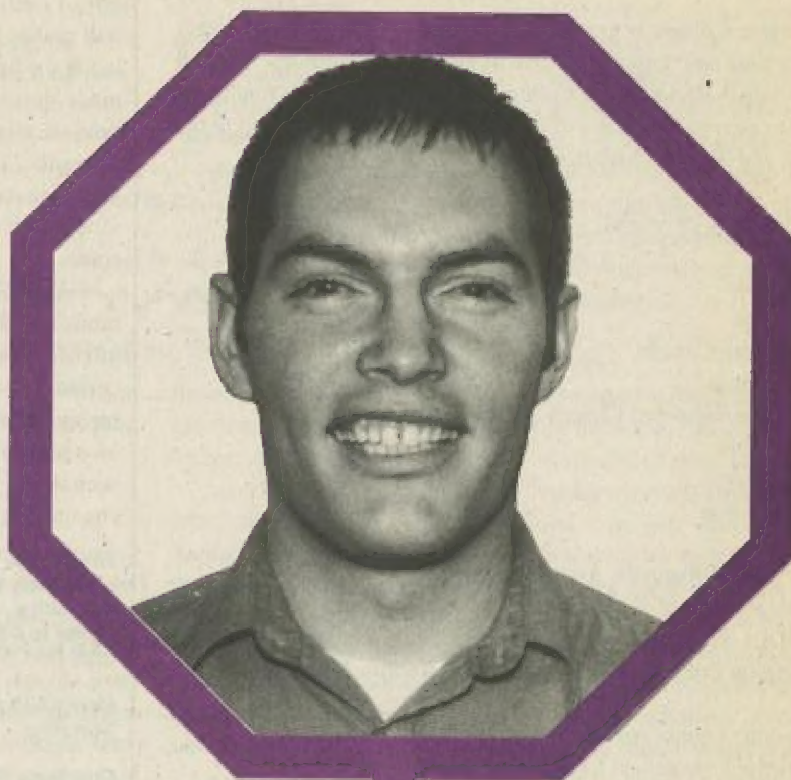
cus is on the day-to-day, then things like papers or exams always take priority because they have to get that done that day, often at the expense of things like devotions or co-curriculars—items which, in the long-term, may be more important to obeying God and serving Him and others. If students can take a weekly or bi-weekly look at their lives, then those things become just one of many things that need to be done, and the urgent doesn't overwhelm the important."

Last year, Strong presented four *Momentum* workshops, with 7-12 students at each session. He also presents his material to students in the Guided Studies class, part of the Academic Support program. "Jeff's material is always well-re-

ceived," says John Krueger, Career and Placement Coordinator and instructor of the Guided Studies class. "He is able to motivate the students by relating material to their needs."

After marriage this May, and graduation next May, Strong plans on pursuing graduate studies in Industrial Organization or Social Psychology. He hopes to continue many of the same projects and activities that he is involved in now.

"I enjoy writing, teaching, leading seminars and workshops," he says, "and I want to work within the Christian community to encourage people to take the Christian ideal and make it real to their lives." It seems quite certain that he will, at least, make the time for doing just that.



Learn and Live

Christian Education Becomes a Way of Living

By Liz Teeninga

It's a frigid winter morning that greets third-year student Corrina Baljeu as she lets herself quietly out the door of Dorm 21 just before 7:30 a.m. Baljeu, from Windsor, Ontario, is part of a group of students that has committed to praying for the Redeemer community daily. The short walk gives her time to think about what she's doing. "It's a good way to start the day," says Baljeu, "I give it to God."

A prayer calendar hangs in the hallway informing students of the main topics for prayer each day, but there is an open invitation to all students who wish to bring requests, concerns, and praise. The group sees this as an opportunity to grow. "God has used this group to show me what an important part prayer plays in my life," Baljeu says. "Since then, I've become involved in other prayer ministries."

The sign that hangs in the prayer room reflects the attitude of students on campus who recognize the need for prayer: "Life is war. Pray hard."

As more and more students participate in this type of prayer ministry, Student Senate's Spiritual and Service Committee has started a prayer phone chain which has grown into a network of cyber requests passed over e-mail in order to include any off-campus students

who wish to commit to this ministry. This 'web' of prayer also allows for follow-up, enabling the team to share in the joy of answered prayer.

It is easy to see Redeemer's physical growth—enrolment is up by more than 100 students this year, ground has just been broken on a new student residence, and new academic programs are being developed. But what remains central to the college's mission is how every aspect of life, from academics to extracurricular activities, is focused on facilitating growth in the knowledge of the Lord.

For some students, Christian education has been a way of life. For those who have attended public school, however, hearing a professor begin class with Scripture and a prayer may be enough to move them to tears. But whatever their background, many students find that the hours they spend in a Redeemer classroom are special. It is a time of preparation, an opportunity for people to carry out their calling as students in a Christ-centered environment.

"This is, in-and-of-itself, a tremendous covenantal blessing," says Jeremy Veldman, a fourth-year student from Wellandport, Ontario, and Student Senate Vice-President. "God has provided us with a foundation such as this so that we may bring glory to Him and work to advance His kingdom."

Redeemer's town-house style residences, in which eight people in different stages of spiritual growth live together, complement this foundation. There are built-in opportunities for students to explore the relationship of faith, learning, and life. The training that Resident Assistants (RAs) and Housing Assistants (HAs) receive, which this year included seminars from Rob Powell, Redeemer's Chaplaincy Consultant, Dr. David Benner, Professor of Psychology, and the Student Life Department, helps them with ideas for leading their dorms in weekly group devotions and encourages them to stay spiritually active in their personal lives.

"I consider it

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Church In The Box praise team



Spiritual Retreaters

a fourth-year humanities major from Hamilton, Ontario. "He opened up the Bible and let God speak for Himself."

Powell also encouraged small group study throughout the weekend. Students could share questions or struggles and receive encouragement from the others in the group. When asked about her group study, Janelle Kuyvenhoven, a first-year student from Wingham, Ontario, shares enthusiastically, "It blessed the socks off me! We got really open and shared the parts of our lives in

which evil has built strongholds. Then we prayed for God's protection on the person next to us in the group."

Beyond the retreat and the residences, there are a number of small groups which meet regularly on campus. Some of these are traditional Bible studies or cell groups, often related to the students' interests. For example, the Couple's Bible Study consists of ten couples, most of whom are married or engaged. They are studying *The Marriage Builder*, by Dr. Larry Crabb, learning how to make Christ the centre of their relationships. Jonathan Barnhoorn, a fourth-year business student from Port Perry, Ontario, says, "My fiancée and I have learned a lot about spiritual oneness and trusting God to provide for our needs instead of looking only to each other. We recognize that we have needs that only God can meet. As we grow closer to God, we grow closer to each other."

A number of students are also engaged in more focused accountability groups. "It's one of the best things that I've ever done," says Emily Camiré, a third-year student from Clarence Creek, Ontario. "Regardless of how painful it is to share things that I've done or that I'm struggling with, my two [accountability] partners will never turn their backs on me.

They will continue to help me find answers in God's word and pray for me. I trust them. That's what makes it work. It's within this trio that I've made some of my closest friendships."

Personal spiritual development has led to a number of very public expressions. One example is Redeemer's monthly worship service, Church in the Box. Started by students in the fall of 1994 as a time of worship and fellowship for on-campus students, its physical growth has been phenomenal. It began in the College's Studio Theatre, or Black Box (hence the name), but it quickly outgrew that space, and the Centre Foyer as well. Now hosted in the auditorium, Church in the Box attracts not only Redeemer students, but youth from churches across Southwestern Ontario on the third Sunday of every month for an evening of contemporary praise and worship.

Another way that students are working out their faith is through service. When a number of students were looking for ways to spend their Saturday nights, the Spiritual and

Service committee developed Saturday Night Alive. Activities alternate each week from a night of praise and worship with student speakers and group discussions to a night out doing service in the greater Hamilton community. "It's committed to getting students to grow," says Bylsma. Many students learn to step out of their comfort zones as they travel to shelters and retirement homes such as Wesley Urban Ministries, Maxwell House, and the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, talking and singing with visitors and residents.

Another popular service activity for Redeemer students has been Kid's Club. This children's ministry works with three downtown churches in Hamilton, building relationships with children in the community and bringing them the Word of God. The program has grown so that there are now three groups of students who run the club on different afternoons each week.

First-year student Leah Bruins from Grand Rapids, Michigan finds Kid's Club to be a high point of her week. "I love kids and

I think this is a good opportunity to show Christ's love." Many of the leaders can't help but smile as they tell stories of special moments with the children. Bruins shares, "A seven-year-old boy, one of the most challenging children in my group, surprised me by giving me a huge hug right before the Christmas break and saying he'd miss all of us. It's worth it knowing I've reached even one."

The feeling is shared by many of the students who volunteer in the Kid's Breakfast program at the St. Luke's Parish in Hamilton. Located in a neighbourhood with three grade schools close together, the North Hamilton Missions Centre finds that St. Luke's is an ideal place to host such an outreach. It helps kids who do not receive breakfast at home in the morning. Early each day, 2-4 Redeemer students spend time either preparing food or just sitting and visiting with the children as they are served breakfast of toast or cereal before school. "My favourite part," third-year student Charity Farenhorst says, "is sitting and talking with the kids, just letting them know that someone cares and has time to hear about their day."

These local, student-directed service opportunities provide a good balance to the programs that Redeemer College itself helps to organize. For ten years, the Student Life Department has helped arrange mission trips to places such as Mississippi, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. According to Eileen Fallon, the Assistant Dean of Students, the exposure to these unique cultures and to the appalling spiritual and physical poverty can be a life-changing experience.

For many students, serving and spiritual growth are deeply intertwined; one feeds the other. Sarah

Van Pelt, a second year student from St. Thomas, Ontario, has been playing the violin and singing at schools and churches on behalf of the Admissions Office for two years as part of a team known as Alpha Praise. She says that her spiritual relationship with Christ has deepened while being a member of the band. "Being part of a close-knit group of believers has challenged me to continually put God first and to take no glory or credit for myself. My gift of music belongs to Him, and I have learned what a pleasure it can be to give back to God what He has given to me." So many students are willing to share their talents in this way that there are now two praise bands associated with the Admissions Office, Alpha Praise and its sister band, 4-Adonai.

"Live and learn," the saying goes, yet this is not exactly the message of Redeemer College. Many students will, instead, switch the two words around, to focus first on the knowledge they acquire and the direction they receive from their Christian education, then follow it through to the responsibility that goes hand in hand with it—Learn and live.

"Our response for such Christian education should be one of both thankfulness and obligation," says Jeremy Veldman. "Now that we have a Christian basis for understanding, it is our duty and responsibility to use it." For students who choose to take advantage of the growth opportunities available during the time they spend at Redeemer, the Christian education they receive has the potential to become not just a way of life, but a way of living.

Elizabeth Teeninga is a third-year Redeemer student pursuing a business honours major. She is currently doing a co-op placement as a Development Department Assistant at the College.

Addressing spiritual concerns at Redeemer

Redeemer College has taken a number of paths as it helps address the spiritual development needs of students. In the early years of the institution, President Rev. Henry De Bolster would make himself available to students, even teaching the Heidelberg Catechism for students looking to make profession of faith in the Christian Reformed Church.

In 1984, Cor Kors, who had a Masters of Divinity degree, took on those responsibilities as part of his role as Dean of Students. In 1994, after Kors left, Mike Goheen came to Redeemer to become campus chaplain and to teach in the Religion and Theology department. Goheen's title was changed from 'campus chaplain' to 'college pastor' in order to stress that he wasn't at Redeemer to serve the students exclusively, but the staff and faculty as well. Since the summer of 1999, Prof. Goheen, who is also completing his doctoral degree, has been concentrating his efforts in the classroom.

This year, student needs are being addressed via a number of avenues. Angela Feichtinger, Sessional Lecturer in Psychology, is a professional counselor, and she is assisted by Wybe Bylsma, a counseling intern studying Pastoral Counseling at Tyndale Seminary in North York. Responsibilities in the Student Life Department have also been shifted to free up Dean of Students, Fred Schat, to be more available to counsel in personal and spiritual issues.

Redeemer has also undertaken a comprehensive look at how it provides for the spiritual needs of students. Robb Powell, pastor of the Burloak Community Church, has been contracted for one-year as the college's Chaplaincy Consultant. Powell has an abundance of experience in this area, having restarted the chaplaincy programs at both the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, also in BC.



Robb Powell

Throughout the fall semester, Powell constructed a Spiritual Needs Assessment Survey which is currently being distributed to both students and faculty of Redeemer College. This survey is part of the work that Powell is doing to complete his Doctorate at Regent College in Vancouver, BC. In addition to this survey, he is also performing some traditional chaplaincy responsibilities at Redeemer.

Though he is on campus only one day each week, Powell has become involved in Bible studies and small group programs and meets with as many students as possible. He has also spoken at many Student Life events, at Church in the Box, and at the spiritual retreat. Powell's report will be used to identify needs and make recommendations as to how Redeemer College can encourage students to develop spiritually within the context of an academic environment.



Kids Club

Testimony: Jesus still heals today

Katharina Bastian '97 has suffered through a chronic liver disease, cancer, and has received two liver transplants. This self-told story of her illness, and healing, was originally published in a newsletter for transplant recipients. It is a powerful testimony of faith and healing.

By Katharina Bastian '97

In September of 1993, I began my university education at Redeemer College. It was one year after my battle with a chronic liver disease called Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis that had resulted in a liver transplant.

The two years that I was ill had a profound effect on my spiritual life—more so than even on my physical body. It was during this time of suffering and fear that my “normal” Christian upbringing became a dynamic, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Thus, with my life and health restored, I found myself at a Christian university, seeking to grow in my knowledge of God’s word, His people and His creation.

I look at the years spent at Redeemer as among the happiest and most fulfilling of my life thus far. And in 1997, I received a degree in Honors Psychology and in English.

That summer, with my graduate school enrollment finalized, I went backpacking in Europe with my best friend and fellow Redeemer grad, Deb VanderKruk '97. Although we were having a wonderful time, I began to sense that something was wrong. I was admitted to a hospital in Germany, and my health rapidly deteriorated. My kidneys began to shut down, my left lung



BEST FRIENDS: Katharina Bastian '97 with her close friend Deb VanderKruk '97 in August 1999.

filled up with fluid, and worst of all, surgery to biopsy a lymph node in my abdomen revealed that I had an aggressive form of cancer called Burkitt's lymphoma.

Strangely, however, at this time I was not afraid. God was very close and I had an incredible sense of peace as a large team of German specialists fought to save my life. I soon learned where my peace came from. People everywhere were praying for me. Redeemer College held a day of prayer on my behalf and several churches followed suit. To this

day, people I hardly know still come up to me and tell me that they and their church were praying for me.

Once I was stabilized enough to return to Canada, I received the heaviest form of chemotherapy available, and doctors predicted that I would need a bone marrow transplant. The greatest obstacle in this fight for my life was the fact that my immune system had to remain suppressed in order to avoid having my body reject the transplanted liver.

By November of 1997, not

only had the cancer spread to my liver, but my liver function began to fail due to rejection. I was released from the hospital, with the doctors having given me no hope for other treatment options. It was then that I decided that the promises in God's word for healing are either true or they aren't. Hebrews 13:8 says that Jesus Christ hasn't changed; just as He healed all those who come to Him today.

Therefore I began to build my faith for healing by spending hours each day reading God's word and confessing the healing promises found in both the Old and New Testaments. I did not get well over night, but slowly my strength began to return. Five months later, I returned to the doctor for the first time. An ultrasound revealed that every trace of the cancer was gone! In September of 1998, I received a second liver transplant, and my health has been totally restored ever since.

God has also dramatically changed the direction of my life. He has placed a call on my life to be in full-time ministry and last October I began working at a ministry called New Life Girls' Home in Consecon, Ontario. I work as a counselor and teacher in this live-in program for young women with life-controlling problems such as addictions and eating disorders.

I don't know what plans God has for my life, but I have no fear of what lies ahead. God has proven Himself to be more than faithful. He is an awesome, miracle-working God. I am so thankful for all that He has done. He is truly my healer.

COURTESY KATHARINA BASTIAN '97

Alumni Art Forum

Five former students returned to campus to share their artistic talents with the Redeemer community in *Spotlight—An Exhibition of Alumni Art*. Betty Broersma-Brouwer '88, Wendy Hiemstra '97, Carolyn Mount '99, Ed Looyenga '93 and Andrea VanderKooij '99, presented works using a variety of different media including watercolour, graphite pencil, cross-stitch, and woodcuts.

The opening of the show was well-attended by family and friends of the alumni as well as current students with a love for art. It is interesting to note that not all the artists pursued art majors while at Redeemer, nor do they all have jobs that relate directly to art. Yet they all share a desire to create, and they have continued to develop their craft, since they have left Redeemer.



Andrea VanderKooij '99 stands beside one of her submissions entitled "Gwen," a 24" x 28" cotton cross-stitch. VanderKooij's work of sibling snapshots reflects how the millions of individual pieces that make up each person contribute to the whole person.

A place to sit and chat

As Redeemer grows, so does its needs. For example, where do all those extra students sit when they are not in class? Every room is used for classroom space, the library is now a quiet study hall, and the cafeteria—well, it lacks a certain warmth and intimacy.

This is a real issue, especially for the growing number of off-campus students. Ancillary Services and the Student Life Department have

Now in its fourth year, the Alumni Annual Appeal is a fundraising initiative designed by alumni and directed at alumni. In previous years, alumni have donated funds that were used to purchase computers for library research, to make improvements to the centre foyer of the College, and to purchase choir risers for the Music Department.

The Alumni Board is grateful for the financial support that alumni have demonstrated towards this appeal in the past, and is confident that alumni will help create a student-friendly environment within the academic building. Redeemer alumni can expect to receive a brochure detailing this project in the next few weeks.



New Display Cases Installed

In 1998, the Alumni Annual Appeal raised funds to improve the Centre Foyer. Part of that money was used to install a sound system and part was set aside for a display case that has now been hung against the back wall of the foyer, between the two entrances to the cafeteria. The case will display such things as the upcoming events, the campus master plan, and other items of interest. With so many events taking place in the foyer, the case will be a focal point for telling the story of Redeemer College. Many thanks to the scores of alumni who contributed to this project.

THE CHAMPIONS: "The Flintstones" took the trophy at the second Redeemer Alumni Volleyball Tournament on January 15. Back Row from left: Wendy Bosma, Karen VanderHeide, Christy Baker (Koning, '92) Mike Bosma, Ron VanderHeide 'x92, Mike Baker '93.



The volleyball tournament is an annual event for Redeemer alumni. Next year's tournament will be on January 20, 2001. Watch *Images* for more details. And if you have an idea for an alumni-related event, be that athletic, cultural, or otherwise, contact the Alumni Office. We are always looking for ways to serve Redeemer alumni.

Alumni Online

Got something to say to alumni?

Want to find out what other alumni are thinking?

Join the **Alumni LISTSERV** discussion group, an e-mail discussion forum for alumni of Redeemer College.

To join the alumni LISTSERV, send an e-mail message to:
majordomo@redeemer.on.ca

Leave the subject line blank and in the body of the message type
subscribe alumni

If you have any questions, please contact the moderator of the group at **wolfe@redeemer.on.ca**.

Grand Rapids gathering

When President Cooper and Vice-Presidents Bill van Staalduinen (Advancement) and Dr. Elaine Botha (Academic) went to Calvin College for a few days in late November, they thought they might run into a few Redeemer alumni who live in Western Michigan. Thanks to some work by Jennifer Brink (Van Raamsdonk '92), however, they found more than 20 alumni waiting to meet with them for coffee and cookies.

"We had a wonderful time of fellowship together," remarked Dr. Cooper. "It was really nice to catch up on what they were doing, and to share with them Redeemer's recent growth and building plans."

Although the Redeemer Alumni Association does not have a formal chapter structure, there are a few regions where alumni gather together for social activities or to invite Redeemer faculty or administrators to speak. Alumni who wish to pursue something in their own area are invited to contact the Alumni Office, which can help alumni organize such activities.

Homecoming 2000

Will it be the first major alumni event of the millennium, or the last major event of the millennium? No matter when you think we begin, or began, the new millennium, Homecoming 2000 will be a special day.

All alumni and their families are invited to the Redeemer Alumni Association's annual Homecoming celebration on Saturday, September 16, 2000. The Class of 1990 in particular will be honoured this year. If you have any suggestions as to activities, please contact the Alumni Office at Redeemer. Check the June issue of *Images* for full details and registration materials.

Named scholarships awarded to students, 1999-2000

Redeemer students have access to a number of sources of financial aid—College and Redeemer Foundation scholarships, work-study, the Forgivable Loan Program and government assistance such as provincial and state student loans and the new federal Millennium Scholarship initiative.

The College also administers a number of awards that are funded by people and institutions who wish to support individual students through scholarships or bursaries. We are grateful for the support that students receive through these generous gifts; for many students, it is these awards that makes a Redeemer education possible.

DeJong Enterprises Business Scholarship:

Jordan Kuyvenhoven

A \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to a third-year student enrolled full-time in an honours business major or a four-year business major.

Willemina Blom Scholarship:

Anita Luth

A \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to a returning student in the music program.

Edward H. Zwart Music Scholarship (formerly Feike Asma):

Johan VanIttersum

A \$500 award given annually to a student of music to encourage and reward excellence in music performance.

Thesaurus tou Theo (Treasures of God) Scholarship:

Ryan Faber, Margaret Gassanov

To encourage and reward excellence in academic achievement, a \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a third or fourth year student majoring in Political Science.

H.R. DeBolster Scholarship:

Erin Sherman

To reward excellence, a \$1000 scholarship awarded to a third or fourth year student enrolled full-time in the pre-seminary program or the mission course.

Steven J. Kouwenhoven Bursary:

John Vanderburgh

A \$1000 bursary in memory of a "pioneer" pre-seminary student, awarded to a third or fourth year pre-seminary student.

J.J. VanHerwerden Award:

Jody Moerman

Up to \$1000 awarded annually to a student in the final year of studies competing a concentration in Religion and Theology.

Nellie Miller Scholarship:

Jennifer McNaughton

A \$1000 scholarship awarded to a third or fourth year student majoring in Art or Theatre Arts.

Christian Stewardship Services Scholarship:

Social Sciences: Danyse Riewald

Literature & Fine Arts: Ruth Pallant

Foundations: Rosine Vanderkooij

Natural Science & Mathematics: James VanStraten

Up to six \$1000 scholarships are awarded to students in their second year of studies.

Alumni Leadership Award:

Jason Zuidema

A \$500 award given to a returning student entering his or her final year of study, who has made a contribution to the College through his or her volunteer and extra-curricular activities.

Prins Family Bursary:

Melany Eastman

A \$1000 bursary awarded annually to a full-time student.

Art VanderStelt Memorial Bursary:

Anita DeWeerd

A bursary in memory of a "pioneer" student awarded annually to a returning student entering the third year of the education program with the intent of becoming a Christian school teacher.

The Grin Family Scholarship:

Jane Heaney, Leanne Leyenhorst

Scholarships of \$1000 each awarded annually to students enrolled full-time in the education program.

Lakewood Bursary:

Emily Deelstra

A \$500 bursary awarded to an eligible student who is a member of a Christian Reformed Church in Classis Chatham.

OCSAA Bursary:

Alex Van Donkersgoed

A \$500 bursary awarded to a student enrolled in the education program.

Van Duyvendyk Scholarship:

Debbie Hughes

To reward excellence in academic achievement, a \$1100 scholarship, awarded to a psychology major entering the third or fourth year.

Redeemer College Mission Bursary:

Elizabeth Brown

A \$1000 bursary awarded each year to a student who enrolls for full-time studies at the college and whose parents continue to be active missionaries for a recognized mission agency.

Steven J. Kouwenhoven French Scholarship:

Marya Van Breda

To reward excellence in academic achievement, a \$1000 scholarship awarded each year to a third or fourth year student majoring in French.

Steven J. Kouwenhoven Natural Science and Mathematics Scholarship:

Lisa Scully

To reward excellence in academic achievement, a \$1000 scholarship awarded each year to a third or fourth year student majoring in the Natural Sciences, Mathematics or Computer Science.

Steven J. Kouwenhoven Physical Education Scholarship:

Gena Wiersma

To reward excellence in academic achievement, a \$1000 scholarship awarded each year to a third or fourth year student majoring in Physical Education.

Mephibosheth Bursary:

Ginny Dymont, Robert Gagnon,

April Hubert, Karyn Liard,

Jennifer Oakes

Bursaries awarded to incoming students who have a physical or sensory disability that is likely to continue indefinitely.

Dragt Memorial Bursary:

Darryl DeKlerk, Jason Zuidema

A bursary of up to \$2500 awarded to a Pre-seminary student who is an Ontario resident.

Cor Van Dyk History Scholarship:

Ben Jansen

A \$1000 scholarship awarded to a second year history student

Paulus E. Tameling Bursary:

Shawn Hofing

A \$500 bursary awarded to a third year pre-seminary student who demonstrates financial need.

Voortman Cookie Award:

Krysta Austin, Joanna Laberge,

Mark Stahle, Laura Vanderbijl,

Jeremy Zeyl

A \$1000 award given to first-year students who demonstrate financial need and have contributed significantly to the extra-curricular activities of their high school.

Voortman Cookie Bursary:

Ryan DeGraaf, Joanna Dilts, Ken Mercer, Philip Tamming, Julie Verburg

A \$2000 bursary for first-year students who demonstrate financial need

Voortman Mission Bursary:

Joanna DeRuiter, Michelle

Jonkman, Jason Jonkman,

Lindsay Labrie, Natalia

Sosedkina

A \$2000 bursary awarded to first year students whose parents are active missionaries.

Steven J. Kouwenhoven Mature Student Bursary:

Nataly Eastman

A \$3000 bursary awarded to an incoming mature student

The Eliza J. DeWaard Family Foundation Bursary:

Karina Curry

A \$2000 bursary awarded to an incoming student from the Reformed Church of America who demonstrates financial need.

Parkview Customs Brokerage Ltd. Business Entrance Scholarship:

Jason Jonkman

A \$1000 scholarship awarded to a first-year student pursuing a Business major

The A. & T. Minerals Inc. Bursary:

Kirsten Crosthwaite

A \$1000 award to a first year student from British Columbia

Many of these awards are endowed funds—the amount awarded is the annual interest off the principal. For the donors, it means that their one-time gift will be used over and over again to serve students. The Redeemer College Scholarship Endowment Fund, which was introduced in 1999, is building towards the same goal—a perpetual source of assistance for students.

If you would like some more information on the Scholarship Endowment Fund, or if you are interested in setting up an award for students, please contact Mr. Ben Stegeman at ext. 4205, or via e-mail at bstegem@redeemer.on.ca.

Major grant awarded to the Pascal Centre

So what kind of work do you do? For men and women who teach at the university level and engage in research or creative endeavors, that question can sometimes be difficult to answer. Public understanding of their work and recognition of its value may come in different ways, depending on the nature of the academic discipline.

Write the Great Canadian Novel and the press will review it and measure book sales. Research engineering standards for earthquake-prone areas and a news team will be at your door when a major quake rocks Turkey or Taiwan. Direct a play or conduct an oratorio and your handiwork is there for an audience to appreciate.

But what if your specialization doesn't result in a popular book or a public performance? How does the public understand your work when it will never be heard as a "sound-bite" on the ten o'clock news?

For biologist Dr. Jitse van der Meer, the acting director of Redeemer's Pascal Centre for Advanced Studies in Faith and Science, public recognition is not his concern. What is close to his heart is the relationship of faith and science, a relationship so fundamental, so basic an issue, that it deserves our best efforts in research, dialogue and seeking understanding. It is what might be called a core concern. To the general public, the overriding message is that these matters are not only important but central to our understanding of ourselves and the creation. Van der Meer points to recent articles in the popular press that seem to indicate this message is getting through.

It probably doesn't matter to van der Meer that the Pascal Centre has an impressive reputation in the academic world, but looking at its accomplishments it is easy to conclude its stature is well deserved. By bringing together experts in the field for international conferences, extensive publishing and establishment of the world's largest bibliographic database on the field of science and religion, the Centre has made its mark. It is that contribution to studies of faith and science and the potential to use this body of knowledge for further understanding that motivates van der Meer to continue his work.



Dr. Jitse van der Meer accepts congratulations from Dr. Justin Cooper and Dr. Elaine Botha for the Templeton Grant for the Pascal Centre.

If the current reputation of the Pascal Centre has been largely in the world of academia, it will undoubtedly spread beyond the academic community with the announcement of a major grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The grant, \$500,000 (U.S.) over seven years, will allow the Pascal Centre to maintain and further develop its

unique database. The database, used by scholars around the world in their research and publishing on the issues of faith and science, already represents the largest collection of such resources anywhere. The Templeton grant will be used to ensure that the Centre expands the resources it offers to scientists and philosophers and keeps its database current. For students, not only at Redeemer but for anyone connected by the internet, this is an important tool for their study of faith and science issues.

Van der Meer is pleased that the grant process is finally completed. He will be actively involved with the database project including ongoing evaluation and reporting to the John Templeton Foundation. "Applying for this grant has been a long, time-consuming process," he stated, "and I am extremely grateful to a number of people here at Redeemer and elsewhere who have supported the work of the Pascal Centre and provided encouragement to me in the application phase." Van der Meer is full of praise for the Templeton Foundation, citing the thoroughness and professionalism shown in the evaluation of the Centre's application. "We are fortunate," he adds, "that the Foundation has the foresight to support this type of research."

Redeemer College counts itself fortunate to have the Pascal Centre as a partner in its mission of university-level liberal arts and science education and research from a Christian perspective.



John Templeton Foundation

...exploring the creative interface between science and religion

Established in 1987 by Sir John Templeton, the Foundation supports over a hundred programs worldwide. The Foundation encourages development and scientific discovery in the spirit of a "humble approach," which recognizes the wisdom of the maxim "how little we know, how eager to learn." One of the chief purposes established by Sir John in supporting these programs is to stimulate serious, rigorous, progress-generating links between the sciences and all religions.

The Pascal Centre

Advanced Studies in Faith and Science

Named after the great Christian mathematician and philosopher, Blaise Pascal, The Pascal Centre was established in 1988 as a research centre under the auspices of Redeemer College. The Centre specializes in studies of the relationship between faith and the natural sciences from a biblical perspective. Under the direction of Dr. Jitse van der Meer, the Centre has initiated a range of research projects, international conferences and extensive publishing. Along with visiting scholars and collaboration with scholars outside the Centre, the relevance of the Christian faith to scientific knowledge is explored, discussed and shared with scholars and the general public.



Books and conferences highlight faculty activities

PUBLICATIONS

At a ceremony in the Centre Foyer at Redeemer, students, staff, and fellow faculty honoured a number of professors who have had their works published recently.

Dr. John Boersema, Professor of Business and Economics, has seen his book *Political-Economic Activity to the Honour of God*, published by Premier Publishing. Dr. Boersema's book explores a number of Christian principles and how they apply to economic issues and questions.

Dr. John Byl, Associate Professor of Physical Education, along with Tom Viskers, co-edited *Physical Education, Sport and Wellness: Looking to God as we Look at Ourselves*, published by Dordt College Press. This is a collection of papers and presentations given at the Conference on Christianity, Sport, Leisure and Wellness between the years 1994 and 1998.

Dr. David Benner, Professor of Psychology, has seen his *Care of Souls* published in Chinese in Hong Kong; a Korean edition is also under contract. Dr. Benner was also editor of the second edition of the *Baker Encyclopedia of Psychology and Counseling*, released this past summer by Baker Book House.

As well, **Prof. Hugh Cook** was recognized by the Hamilton and Region Arts Council at a reception in November. Professor Cook's *Home in Alfalfa* was recognized with the City of Hamilton Book Award in the fiction category. *Home in Alfalfa* is a collection of short stories that feature Dutch Reformed folk in a small Ontario town.

These and other books by Redeemer faculty can be ordered through the Redeemer Bookstore.

CONFERENCES

Faculty will be very involved in two conferences that Redeemer College is hosting this summer.

The Open Book and Scholarship

Redeemer College, in conjunction with the Pascal Centre and the Dooyeweerd Centre, and in collaboration with The Cheltenham & Gloucester College of Higher Education and The British and Foreign Bible Society, is hosting this conference at the College from August 16-19, 2000. Some of the keynote speakers include Dr. David Lyle Jeffrey, Prof. Emeritus of English Literature at the Univ. of Ottawa, Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology at Yale University, and Dr. Craig Bartholomew, Prof. Of Biblical Studies, Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education in England.

The aim of the conference is to explore various approaches to relationships between Scripture, scholarship and culture. For more information, contact Ms. Elisabeth Di Francesco, Organizing Committee, at Redeemer College (edifran@redeemer.on.ca).

Magnify the Lord

Sponsored by Redeemer College, the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, and CRC Publications, this conference is intended for pastors, church musicians, worship coordinators & planners, and anyone else interested in worship. Confirmed speakers include Emily Brink (CRC Publications), Richard Middleton (OT scholar at Colgate Seminary, Rochester), Ron Rienstra (Director of the Calvin "Loft"), Sylvia Keesmaat (NT scholar at the Institute for Christian Studies and a Redeemer alumna), as well as Profs. Bert Polman and Christiaan Teeuwssen, and others.

The conference begins Friday morning, July 14 and concludes Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. The Friday evening Vespers Service and the concluding Hymn Festival on Saturday at 4 p.m. are open to the public. Conference registration brochures will be available by early March. Meals and overnight lodging will be available. For further information, contact Dr. Bert Polman, Professor & Chair of Music Department at Redeemer. He can be reached by e-mail (bpolman@redeemer.on.ca) or by phone at (905)-648-2131, x 4262.

RESEARCH GRANTS

The following professors have been granted Internal Research Grants: (Internal Research Grants are funded by Redeemer College and SSHRCC Institutional Grants.)

Gary Chiang: "The effect of removing identifiable regions of the brain on egg production in the blood-feeding insect, *Rhodnius prolixus*."

Christiaan Teeuwssen: "CD Recording in the Bovenkerk, Kampen, The Netherlands."

James Payton: "Preparing for the Third Millennium: Post-Communist Christianity in Eastern Europe."

Gene Haas: "The Significance of Eschatology for Christian Ethics."

Bert Polman: "Magnificat Music in the British Tradition."

Jacob Ellens: "Church Rates, the Consecrated State, and the Happiness of Heaven in England and Wales, 1932- 1859."

Welcome to new staff and faculty

Redeemer College welcomes **Kai Ton Chau** to its staff as Director of Financial Services. Kai comes to Redeemer from the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ontario. He lives in Richmond Hill with his wife, Wendy, and two children.



Chau

The new smile in the Redeemer Bookstore belongs to **Rita Van Tuyl** who came to us in December after working for six years in a Canadian business organization. Rita and her husband Henk live in Hamilton. They are parents of two grown sons.



Van Tuyl

Elizabeth Teeninga was hired in January as a co-op student and is currently working as the advancement department assistant. Elizabeth is a third-year Business Honours student at Redeemer and lives on campus as a Resident Assistant.

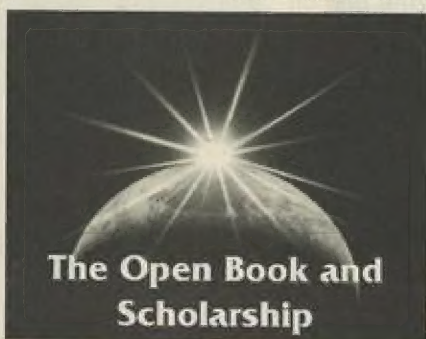


Teeninga

There have been two "new" additions to our English as a Second Language staff. **Ken Van Abbema** lives in Hamilton with his wife, Helen. Ken has been on Redeemer's campus for quite some time as part of LOGOS, the company Redeemer contracted to teach the ESL program. With the expiration of that contract, Ken has formally joined the staff at Redeemer as an ESL instructor. **Beth Winnowski** is also teaching in the ESL program. She commutes from Kitchener/Waterloo where her husband, Michael, is a pastor. She has spent the last few years taking care of her two small children and is glad to have the opportunity to come to Redeemer to work in a field that she loves.

Redeemer also welcomes many part time instructors who are teaching winter semester courses:

Bob Foot - Physical Education
Thea deGroot - Education: Computers
Peter Noteboom - Political Science
Tom Sachade - Art
Lisa Scott - Physical Education
Steven van de Woerd - Business
Jim Vreugdenhil - Education: Math
Fran Huberts - Education
Helen Vreugdenhil - History
Joe Abbey-Colborne - Guest Director
Ben Gesch - Chemistry Lab instructor



The Open Book and Scholarship

Personal Touch is a collection of interesting news items of Redeemer College alumni. To submit your news of interest and photo (if desired), clip out the form below and send to: Images, 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON L9K 1J4. (Photos will be returned.)

Paul Koomans '89 has recently completed the Ontario Certified General Accountant, with an admission to membership ceremony in Toronto this past November. He works as the controller of Pinewood Sports and Marine in N.W. Ontario. **Karen Koomans (Kaemingh '90 & '91)**, is a supply teacher, and keeps extra busy being a mom to Zachary (7), Lucas (5), and Caleb (1). Address: Box 595, Emo, Ontario, P0W 1E0, (807) 482-1651. koomans@voyageur.ca.

Michael Grootenboer '96 and **Yvonne Grootenboer (Doef '96)** celebrated the birth of their baby boy, Calvin Michael on April 1, 1999. He was born happy and healthy. Michael graduated in August 1998 from Ontario Police College and is now posted in Killaloe detachment. Yvonne was teaching at Renfrew Christian School (gr. 1-4), but now enjoys staying home with Calvin. Address: P.O. Box 172, Eganville, ON, K0J 1T0, (613) 628-2173.

James de Boer '96, and **Hanna de Boer (Julien '95)** moved into their new house August 1999! James has finished his first novel of a trilogy and is now looking for a publisher. Hanna works in the arts as a freelancer and cares for son Aidan (4), daughter Michaela (2), and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of their third child, March 2000. Address: 21 Richard Ave, Toronto, ON, M4L 1W8, (416) 461-3115.

While enjoying a fulfilling life as mother to Eric (10), Craig (9) and Esther (5), **Reneé Weavers (Bos '86)** also works as a part-time farm hand to her husband Paul, and as a part-time accountant at Fair Havens Bible Conference in Beaverton. She would love to hear from fellow pioneer dorm-mates (685-4 Francis Rd.), and perhaps do some catching up. Address: RR 2, Woodville, ON, K0M 2T0, (705) 439-2252.

Jean Verburg (Dieleman '90) and her husband Jim are pleased to announce the birth of their little bundle of joy, Sarah Adrianna. Sarah was born on November 19, 1999. Jean plans to return to teaching at Strathroy Community Christian School in September of 2000.

Address: 120 Simcoe Ave., P.O. Box 517, Komoka, ON, N0L 1R0, (579) 473-1533.

Dave Kruisselbrink '93, and **Kathy Kruisselbrink (Bock '95)** thank God for the safe ar-

rival of their daughter Rachel Hanna, born on October 19, 1999.

Address: 11425-68 St., Edmonton, AB, T5B 1N9, (780) 477-7006. dunker@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca.

Chad de Vries '96 has obtained a full time position as a P.E. teacher in inner London, England. He works with special needs (behavioural) children, helping them to learn how to control their temper and prepare to enter new schools. He greatly enjoys it, and welcomes letters and mail from anyone!

Address: 13 Compton Court, Victoria Cres., Gipsy Hill, London, England SE19 1AF, (001) 44-181-766-7802. kestrel26@hotmail.com.

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Elisa Cook '97

What I remember most about the period in 1992 when I was considering my university options, is how certain I was that I wanted to go to Redeemer. In fact, Redeemer was the only university I applied to; it was a convenient six hour bus ride from Ottawa, it boasted great professors such as the famous author and English professor Hugh Cook, and it promised a solid, Christian university education.

In the midst of packing and pre-university anxiety, many people told me I was in for some wonderful times. "Your university years will be the best years of your life," and "the people you meet there will be friends forever," they said. Reflecting on these statements seven years later, I realize that the accuracy of these statements owes a lot to the university I chose. By applying to Redeemer, I was deciding to continue to explore my personal faith in God and to learn and grow with the guidance of Christian staff and professors. I was opting for, or selecting, roommates and peers who were formulating their own personal Christian world view. I was choosing personal, Christian development with the encouragement of

other Christian colleagues.

This Christian community became enormously valuable. While I was at Redeemer I realized that despite my passion for Christian education, my long tradition of going to church twice on Sunday, and my desire to care for those around me, I was not in the type of relationship with God that He wanted. I felt confident that I had contact with His word but I felt that something was missing.

At Redeemer, I could feel this way, but that I wasn't alone. I was comforted by the fact that many of my friends were also struggling to establish a daily connection with God. Our typical excuses for not daily seeking Him were a lack of time and the fact that we participated in regular devotions in our dorms, weekly chapels, and church worship services. Failure to establish our personal connection with God was perhaps also due to our resistance to open all of our lives to God, our limited expectations of God's grace in our lives, and our perception that daily devotions would somehow limit the thrill of newly found independence after leaving home. Regardless, what made the difference for my faith life was finding Him in other peo-

ple's daily walks with God and through persistent professors who urged me to further discern my Christian world view.

My memories of Redeemer remind me that God loves to work through relationships. He yearns to be found in a daily relationship with Him and deeply blesses us when we take time to be with Him in solitude. Additionally, God graciously offers his supportive presence through our relationships with others. Thus, it was indeed true that my years at Redeemer would be among my best, for it was there that I truly found God—or, to be more precise, where He found me.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

If one falls down, his friend can help him up.

But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

—Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, NIV

Elisa Cook graduated from Redeemer in 1997 and is now pursuing her Masters in Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University. She hopes to secure full time employment in April.

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